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Dad Says Powers Disputes U2 Book

"The U2 Affair," a new book on the 20th century's best-known spy episode, is "largely fiction," in the eyes of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, the famed pilot's father said today.

Oliver Powers says his son is writing his own account of the flight and that it should be pub-

lished about the first of the year. The pilot told him last week-end that the new David Wise-Thomas Ross book is "about a third right," the father told The Roanoke World-News by telephone from Norton today.

Meanwhile, the pilot refuses to autograph the book, the father said, adding:

"Why shouldn't he. It's largely fiction."

His son told him "his book is going to be very much different from this thing," said the Norton shoemaker.

A condensed version of "The U-2 Affair" is currently being serialized in The Roanoke Times.

Powers and his U2 were downed deep inside the Soviet Union May 1, 1960. His capture brought the breakup of an Eisenhower-Khrushchev summit conference in Paris.

Powers' Moscow showcase trial was followed by 21 months in a Soviet prison and a cloak-and-dagger release on a Berlin bridge Feb. 10.

Questions had been raised about Powers' performance at the time he was downed, allegedly by Soviet rockets, and later at his trial. Both a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) inquiry board and the Prettyman board gave the 33-year-old pilot a clean bill of health.

Young Powers is reported residing in the Washington, D.C., area.